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Recognizance signed by Ezra Houghton and Josiah Wilder

Ezra Houghton

Josiah Wilder

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Worcester, ss.

Be it remembered that on the twenty eighth
Day of May Anno Domini one Thousand seven hun-
dred and seventy six, Ezra Houghton of Lancaster, in
County aforesaid Gentleman, James Carter of Lancaster in
County aforesaid Gentleman & Ephraim Carter in Town aforesaid Gentleman
came before me Josiah Wilder one of the Justices of the
Peace for said County, and acknowledged themselves to
jointly & severally owe unto this Government and the
People, the sum of Two hundred Pounds Lawful mo-
ney, to be respectively made out of their several
Goods and Chattels Lands and Tenements, to the use
of our said Government & People of this Colony if the
said Ezra shall fail in performing the Condition which
is underwritten. —

Acknowledged before me

Josiah Wilder Just. Peace

The Condition of this Recognizance is such, that if
the above mentioned Ezra Houghton shall personally
appear at the next general Quarter Sessions of the
Peace, to be holden in and for said ^{County} above mentioned, to
do and receive, what shall then and there be enjoined him
by the said Court, and in the mean time shall keep
the Peace, and be of good Behaviour towards all Friends
to the Rights and Privileges of America & likewise continu-
ing in the mean time within the Limits of his home Town
in said Town, with only these Exceptions, viz. that he the
said Ezra may go to publick Worship within said ~~Town~~ ^{Parish}, where he hath of late been wont to dwell, & to
go and appear at the next Quarter Sessions at Wor-
cester: Then the said Recognizance shall be void, and
of none effect, & otherwise to remain in full Force and
Virtue. —

Attest Nathl. Willson
Joseph Carter

Ezra Houghton
James Carter
Ephraim Carter Junr

[illegible]

The Committee of this Association is very, that if
 the above mentioned Mrs. Whipple, shall personally
 appear at the next general Convention of the
 Association, and if she is not able to do so, to
 be and receive what shall then and there be enjoyed in
 the same, and in the mean time shall keep
 the same, and be of good behavior towards all things
 to the right and privilege of others, & likewise continue
 in the same, within the limits of his said town
 and town with only this exception, viz. that he be
 not to be in the same with any other person, and
 shall, where he shall be, be well & to
 go and appear at the next Convention of the
 Association, then the said Association shall be void, and
 of no effect.

Grantsdon May. 25